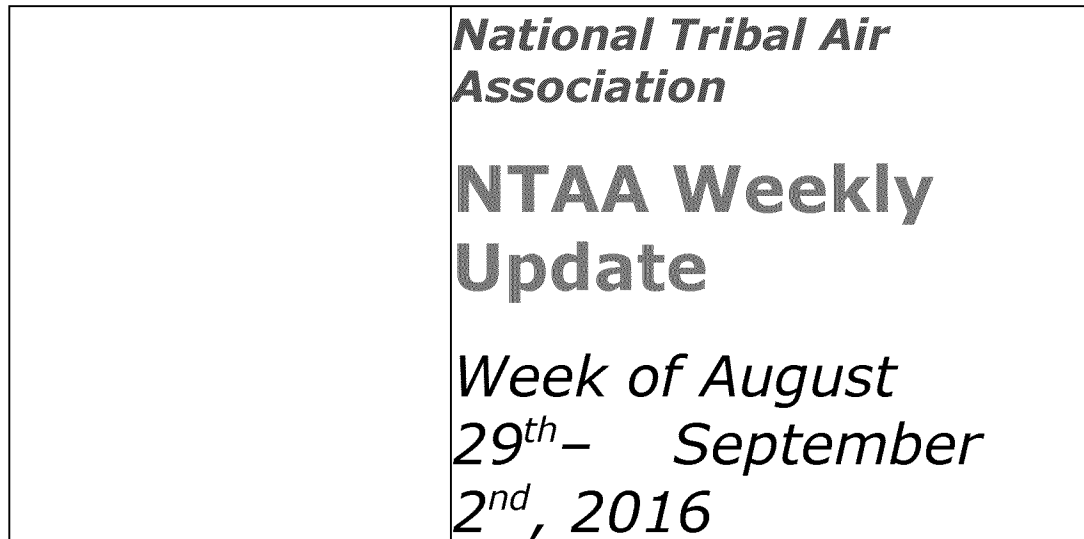


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## TOP STORIES

NTAA has released a **Policy Response Kit for the EPA's Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP)**. The CEIP kit can be found on NTAA's website, and includes a fact sheet and template letter that Tribes can use to submit comments. **The CEIP comment period has been extended, comments are now due to the EPA by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**

Los Angeles Times - With echoes of Wounded Knee, tribes mount prairie occupation to block North Dakota pipeline

Billings Gazette - Battle brewing on different pipeline: Tribes seek to halt pipeline under Lake Sakakawea

## HEADLINES

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

Indian Country Today - Spokane Reservation Engulfed In Smoke As Wildfire Rages On

The Bellingham Herald - Lummi totem journey is latest environmental protest by Native Americans

The Hill - Five things to know about the Dakota Access Pipeline fight

National Association of Clean Air Agencies - Washington Update

### ***Climate Change/Energy***

The Guardian - The Anthropocene epoch: scientists declare dawn of human-influenced age

Quartz - This animated map shows why animals can't survive climate

change without our help

The New York Times - Living Near a Fracking Site Is Tied to Migraines, Fatigue

The Des Moines Register - Iowa Utilities Board approves huge wind energy project

The Washington Post - The nation's first offshore wind farm is ready to go, despite critics' blowback

Inside Climate News - Colorado Anti-Fracking Activists Fall Short in Ballot Efforts

Utility Dive - EIA: Utility-scale solar capacity to grow 8 GW in 2016

Greentech Media - US Installed Microgrid Capacity to Grow 115% and Reach 4.3GW Over the Next 5 Years

### ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

AZ Daily Sun - State drafts tougher standards for uranium mine dust control

### ***Photo from the field***



Nantinki Young--known as Tink -- stirs large pot of soup for protesters gathered along the banks of the Cannonball River in North Dakota (William Yardley/LA Times)

## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA***

**The U.S. EPA Administrator signed on Monday, August 15, 2016, the Proposed Revisions to the Petition Provisions of the Title V Permitting Program.**

EPA is proposing revisions to the title V operating permit regulations aimed at increasing stakeholder understanding of the title V petition process and ensuring consistent presentation of critical information. The proposed revisions would provide direction for submitting title V petitions, including encouraging the use of an electronic submittal system. In addition, the proposal requires mandatory content and format for title V petitions, and also would require permitting authorities to respond in writing to significant comments received during the public comment period on draft title V permits. EPA will accept comment on this proposed rule for 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register.

A fact sheet and a prepublication version of the notice are available here. WEBINAR DETAILS (NEW DATES): Title V Petitions Process (EJ Communities/Tribes) on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 1:00PM – 2:30PM ET. You can view the webinar here.

## **YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED!**

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#### **Draft Engagement/Capacity Building Tools: Feedback Requested**

1. Draft Ports Primer for Communities: An Overview of Ports Planning and Operations to Support Community Participation (<https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative/draft-ports-primer-communities>) -- An interactive tool and reference document that characterizes the port industry sector including environmental and community health impacts associated with port activities.

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How to Submit Comments on Tools and Apply to Become a Pilot Location

**Deadline for Comments: August 31, 2016 - 4 p.m. ET**

- [Online at Submit Comments - Draft Ports Primer for Communities](#)
- [Online at Submit Comments - Draft Community Action Roadmap](#)
- [Online at Submit Comments - Draft Environmental Justice Primer for Ports](#)
- Email at [Talk About Ports](#)
- Mail to U.S. EPA, Attn. Sabrina Johnson, 1200 Pennsylvania Av. N.W., Room 5358G, WJCN: MC-06406A, Washington, DC 20460
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If you are interested, apply to be considered as a pilot location at [Interested in Pilot Opportunities](#).

**In anticipation of the upcoming release of revisions to the Exceptional Events Rule and the final Wildfire/Ozone Exceptional Events**

**Implementation Guidance, we are announcing two Exceptional Events Implementation Workshops to be held in November of 2016.** The workshop dates are November 8 in Denver, CO (western state focus) and November 30 in Dallas, TX. The purpose of the workshops is to:

- Provide an overview of the Exceptional Events Rule revisions with a focus on scope and process changes
- Discuss the application of the rule revisions and implementation guidance to select event and pollutant combinations
- Foster a collegial environment for shared goals and objectives, including effective implementation of the revised Exceptional Events Rule

The intended audience is Federal, state, local and tribal air and land management agency staff with responsibility for developing, submitting and reviewing exceptional events demonstrations. Please share this information with your state, local and tribal air agencies.

The attached document contains an agenda and information on logistics for both meetings. To register for either workshop, please contact Liz Etchells at [etchells.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:etchells.elizabeth@epa.gov) by October 10, 2016, and provide the workshop date of interest, your name, agency, phone number and address.

**The U.S. EPA's National Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program, is providing early input on the upcoming FY 2018-2019 National Program Managers (NPM) Guidance.** The Agency is interested in your early input on the NPM Guidance generally and on specific questions regarding priorities/areas of focus, Next Generation Compliance and the EJ 2020 Action Agenda. We are seeking this early input by September 2, 2016, before we begin drafting our FY 2018-2019 National Program Managers (NPM) Guidance.

The NPM Guidance is a key EPA planning document that sets forth the strategies and actions the EPA and its state and tribal partners will undertake to protect human health and the environment. See the links below to the FY 2016-2017 NPM Guidance and the FY17 Addendum which may help you in developing your early input comments. In addition,

Attachment A to this email provides important background information and contains the specific questions where we would value your input. Attachment B to this email provides an optional feedback form containing the questions and spaces for answers which you may use, if it's helpful to you, when providing your early input.

Note that this is the second time that EPA is using a two-year planning cycle for the NPM Guidance, and a process that includes providing states and tribes with an opportunity for early engagement. EPA transitioned to this two-year cycle and early engagement process beginning with the FY 2016-2017 NPM Guidance.

OECA's FY 2016-2017 NPM Guidance is available online: <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/final-fy-2016-2017-office-enforcement-and-compliance-assurance-oeca-npm-guidance>. In addition, our FY 2017 NPM Guidance Addendum is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/final-office-enforcement-and-compliance-assurance-fy-2017-addendum-fy-2016-2017-npm>.

If you would like to provide input before we begin drafting the FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance, please send your input to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, specifically Kimberly Chavez ([chavez.kimberly@epa.gov](mailto:chavez.kimberly@epa.gov)) and Michele McKeever ([mckeever.michele@epa.gov](mailto:mckeever.michele@epa.gov)), by September 2, 2016.

### **Draft Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> SILs Guidance (and supporting document) available for public review and comment.**

The U.S. EPA is making available for public comment draft guidance and supporting documents recommending Significant Impact levels (SILs) for ozone and fine particle pollution that may be used in the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting program. SILs have been used in the PSD permitting process for many years to help determine whether proposed construction may be authorized in a Clean Air Act permit. The EPA will accept public comment on the draft guidance and supporting documents through **September 30, 2016**.

The draft guidance with supporting documents and a link for submitting comments is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/nsr/forms/significant-impact->



levels-ozone-and-fine-particles-prevention-significant-deterioration.

**U.S. EPA's updated the Air Trends website:** <https://www.epa.gov/air-trends>. It includes an application that allows users to explore air quality trends interactively with our new Trends Report – Our Nation's Air: Status and Trends Through 2015. Here's the direct link to the application: <https://gispub.epa.gov/air/trendsreport/2016/>.

The White House - [President Obama Announces 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference](#)

**The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP's)** [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change. [Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events. [Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

### **ITEP's [2016 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)**

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program Course Calendar:

Course Title	Dates	Location
	<b>2016</b>	
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48)	September 13-15	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	September 27-30	Flagstaff, AZ
Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Tribal Communities	November 15-17	TBD - Lower 48
Air Quality and IAQ in Alaska	December 6-9	Kotzebue, AK
Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska	December 13-16	Anchorage, AK

	<b>2017</b>	
Air Quality Computations	January 23-27	Phoenix, AZ
Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools (for lower 48)	February 7-10	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality and IAQ in Alaska	March 7-10	Koyukuk, AK
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-17	Flagstaff, AZ
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48)	April 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	April 25-28	Lawrence, KS
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 6-9	Flagstaff, AZ
Clean Air Act & Permitting	TBD	TBD

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at [Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

The Nez Perce Tribe received an EPA Grant to facilitate the development of a National Tribal Mining Workgroup (NTMW) with the objective of developing a curriculum and technical presentations for a three (3) day **"MINING LIFECYCLE: TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY** training" to be held in Phoenix, AZ on **November 2-4, 2016** for approximately 75+ attendees from various tribes, government, and public and private organizations. The NTMW includes tribal members, EPA staff across multiple EPA Regions, private industry experts, and other stakeholders as identified. [Click here to register](#).

## ***Climate Change/Energy***

### **Aug. 31 Webinar: Project Regulatory Considerations**

This month's free webinar, "Project Regulatory Considerations", is on Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time. Presented by the Office of Indian Energy in partnership with Western Area Power Administration, this webinar will provide an overview of the many permitting and project regulatory issues that need to be addressed when developing energy projects, including:

- The Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act
- Land use, noise, birds, and other biological resources
- Visual impact
- Soil erosion and water quality
- Public health and safety
- Cultural and paleontological resources
- Solid and hazardous wastes
- Air quality
- Climate.

There is no charge to attend the webinar, but registration is required. [Register for this webinar.](#)

If you missed one of our webinars, you can listen to and download presentations from [past webinars](#) on our website.

### ***Indoor Air Quality***

The Region 9 Tribal Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) and Health Network brings you ***Addressing Environmentally-Triggered Asthma in Tribal Communities***, a webinar on **Tuesday, Sep 20, 2016 at 10:30 AM – 12:00**

**PM PDT.** ☐☐ Please use the following link to register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/401444166205521924>

The webinar is a collaboration between US EPA Region 9 and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP). Experienced presenters will share their knowledge about doing successful IAQ outreach in the tribal communities they serve. At the end of the webinar, participants will have an opportunity to ask presenters questions.

**Participants will learn about:**

- asthma basics, including environmental triggers
- how medical and environmental professionals can make a positive impact together
- the importance of partnerships in addressing asthma
- successful efforts to manage environmental asthma triggers in tribal communities☐

**Presenters:**

- [Philip Harber, MD MPH](#), Professor of Public Health, University of Arizona
- Taylor Smoke, Air Quality Technician, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

**Facilitator:** Mansel Nelson, Program Coordinator at ITEP

**Questions about this webinar?**

Please contact Priyanka Pathak ([pathak.priyanka@epa.gov](mailto:pathak.priyanka@epa.gov)) or Mansel Nelson ([mansel.nelson@nau.edu](mailto:mansel.nelson@nau.edu)).

**NTAA has re-opened the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Needs Assessment for Indian Country!** The NTAA IAQ Work Group has re-opened the IAQ Needs Assessment in hopes that more Tribes will complete the [on-line form found here](#)! In re-opening the IAQ needs assessment, NTAA hopes Tribes who have not previously completed this online form will do so now thus helping Tribal and Federal governmental leaders understand the extent of IAQ needs in Tribal communities. The IAQ Needs Assessment will remain open until **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Please allow at least an hour to complete the IAQ Needs Assessment. For more information on the NTAA IAQ work group that created this needs assessment, please visit NTAA's [website here](#).

Please allocate at least 60 minutes to answer all the questions. When you are finished, simply click on the "submit" button at the end of the survey to ensure your answers are properly counted.

## **U.S. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Code Talk:**

### **Codetalk Homepage:**

- HUD 2016 National Native Youth Summit. [Application deadline is September 2, 2016](#)
- [Comments on Housing Needs Study Draft Report due August 23, 2016](#)
- [National Tribal Air Association \(NTAA\) has re-opened the NTAA National Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\) Needs Assessment for Indian Country Reminder](#)
- [Zuni Housing Authority inspiring documentary, "More than building homes; building a sustainable community"](#)
- [HUD Secretary Julián Castro meets with Northern Plains Tribal Leaders in North Dakota](#)

[Calendar of Events](#)

[PIH Notices](#)

## Grants Oversight and Monitoring

### Section 184 Lenders

#### Southwest ONAP

### **Radon Fundamentals Online Course is Now Available!**

As part of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP) new online training courses, **Radon Fundamentals** has just been added! This online course has been developed to provide Tribes with:

- an introduction to the mechanics of radon,
- examples of how Tribes are addressing radon, and
- possible funding opportunities.

This course does not provide certification for radon measurement or mitigation. The presentations in this course were originally developed as webinars in February and March 2016 in collaboration with US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Indoor Air Quality and Health Network and staff from Spokane Tribe Department of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation EPA, Taos Pueblo Tribal Housing Office, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This online course is equivalent to 0.7 continuing education units (CEUs) and requires approximately seven hours of total learning time.

You can access this course at your convenience by creating a free user account. Start now by visiting [Create!](#) After setting up your own unique login and password, you can enroll in and access ITEP's online courses at any time. Courses currently available include:

- Radon Fundamentals (0.7 CEUs)
- Quality Assurance Fundamentals (1.2 CEUs)
- Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency and IAQ in Alaska (0.8 CEUs)

- Introduction to Brownfields (0.4 CEUs)

Other benefits of these online courses include: returning to work on current courses where you left off, connecting with other environmental tribal professionals through discussion forums, and accessing resources, videos, and certificates from previously completed courses. These online courses contain assignments, activities, quizzes, videos, tribal examples, discussion forms, and additional resources. While they are self-paced, each course provides the opportunity for individual interaction with subject matter experts.

View available online courses here: [Access ITEP's Online Courses](http://itep.scholarlms.com/courses/) <http://itep.scholarlms.com/courses/>

### **Interactive Mold House Tour**

Get a quick glimpse of some of the most important ways to protect your home from mold by touring the Mold House. Room-by-room, you'll learn about common mold issues and how to address them. A [text version of the Mold House Tour](#) is also available.

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## **DERA RFP is Open!**

U.S. EPA is excited to announce a funding opportunity for Tribal governments and native villages. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is [soliciting proposals nationwide for Tribal projects](#) that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality.

## **Important Dates:**

RFP Closes – Proposals Due Fall 2016: Anticipated Notification of Selection Fall-Winter 2016: Anticipated Award

## **Eligible Entities**

Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and native villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

## **Eligible Vehicles and Technologies**

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic

technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

## **Additional Resources**

For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the **2016 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP)**.

For questions, please contact: Lucita Valiere DERA Tribal Lead EPA Region 10 Phone: 206-553-8087 Email: [valiere.lucita@epa.gov](mailto:valiere.lucita@epa.gov).

**Save the date! November 2-3, 2016**, for a training on **Mining Lifecycle: Tribal Engagement and Environmental Responsibility** developed by EPA headquarters and regional offices (5, 8, 9 and 10) and tribal representatives on the **National Tribal Mining Workgroup**. The training will take place in the Phoenix area, AZ. Detailed location and agenda information will be distributed and can be found on <http://www.ntmw.org/>.

## **RESOURCES**

### ***Now Hiring!***

**ITEP's Research Specialist position has been posted to the NAU HR website. This position will help support ITEP's Exchange Network, Air Quality, and online training efforts.** The Research Specialist is responsible for providing the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP) with technical support for educational and informational resources, including databases, desktop publishing, online learning management system (LMS) platforms, and related software/tools, as well as general research and programmatic support for ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Tribal Program (AIAQTP) and National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN) projects.

**Application Deadline is on August 30, 2016 at 11:59 pm.** To apply for this position, please click on the ["Apply" button on this page](#). You must submit your application by clicking on the "Submit" button by midnight of the application deadline. If you need assistance completing your application there are instructions available on line at <http://nau.edu/human-resources/>.

**The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians are hiring for the position of Environmental Specialist II (ES II).** The position is responsible for carrying out the objectives of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Environmental Protection Department. Other duties include: supervising contract work related to various grant projects, conducting environmental surveys and assessments, supervising field activities, monitoring conditions of tribal natural resources, working closely with contractors and other governmental agencies for the protection of tribal resources and the health of the tribal membership, and providing assistance to other tribal entities. Participates in all aspects of the physical work at restoration sites, and surface water testing; Responsible for supervision and training of field and Summer Youth Program staff. Maintains the confidentiality of all privileged information of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. Conducts themselves in a professional manner at all times.

This position is grant dependent. At this time it will run through the end of September 2017. Duties may vary in the future if new grants are acquired with different duties. To apply, please [visit this website](#).

**The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is hiring for two positions:**

**Air Quality Specialist ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~  
Job Code: 16-091**

Summary: Expands and enhances the Air Quality Program.

Implements the 105 Air Grant, Tribal Radon Grant and others as acquired to: develop administrative capacity, administer work plans/budgets, ambient and indoor air quality, monitoring and analysis, emissions inventories, QAPPs, participate in local, regional and national workgroups, and assist the Environmental Deputy Director with state and federal policy and permits, engage Tribal Members in projects for sustainability/resilience/air quality, provide education and outreach, all to assist with the highest air quality for Tribal Members. Education/Experience: B.S. (Bachelors) degree in air quality, biology, geology, chemistry, physics, environmental or related studies is required. M.S. (Masters) in the sciences as stated above or two years related air quality work is preferred. Duties/Responsibilities: Manage and administer the Tribal Air Program and other related projects. Develop and maintain monitoring projects for: PM 2.5, meteorological and mercury with others as identified. Past projects include: small sensors, dioxins and toxics. Investigate and identify monitoring needs and data gaps. Promote and represent Leech Lake locally, regionally and nationally with respect to the LLAP and projects. Establish, maintain and expand communications with Federal, State, Local and other Tribal Government officials. Open until filled.

**Environmental Specialist ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ  
~ Job Code: 16-090**

Summary: Preserve Tribal Sovereignty through enforcement of LLBO Hazardous Substances Control Act (HSCA). Administer Brownsfield Response Program (BRP) guidelines. Assist Brownsfield manager in daily operations of the Brownsfield, Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Superfund programs. Education/Experience: Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science or related field. Duties/Responsibilities: Various duties for the BRP, UST and Superfund duties; including, but not limited to; Enhancing the four elements, maintenance of the public record, responding to community members concerns regarding environmental issues, implementing day to day operations in accordance with the UST grant work and budget and providing oversight on superfund projects. Open until filled. For both positions, please submit Cover Letter, Resume, Credentials, 3 Letters of Reference, and Transcripts for positions requiring any Degree above High School Diploma or General Education Diploma Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to fill out an application or they can download an application from our website at [www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org) and may drop off or mail documents to: Leech Lake

Band of Ojibwe – HR – 190 Sailstar Dr NW. - Cass Lake, MN 56633; Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697; email documents to: [kelly.iosh@llbo.org](mailto:kelly.iosh@llbo.org).

LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application and/or documents before or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date the position is scheduled to close to be considered for a position. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information. All positions require a LLBO application. Applications are accepted only for positions posted and assigned a job code. COPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR POSITIONS REQUIRING A MVR. APPLICATIONS WILL BE VOID IF: Application is not signed or required forms are not submitted by closing date. Re-advertised positions will require a newly submitted application with required forms.

**The Forest County Potawatomi Community is hiring a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office,** whose mission is to preserve, protect, and manage cultural resources, historic properties, and other culturally significant sites. This position develops, manages, and implements historic preservation programs for the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC). [Click here for more information.](#)

## ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA***

### **U.S. EPA - Tribal Air Quality Monitor Study**

EPA has a new website online that identifies the various types of monitor networks operating within and near tribal areas in Indian Country. This study was conducted by the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) with special assistance from the Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) center in July 2015. The maps and data serve as tools to assess the air monitoring network on or near tribal areas for potential resource prioritization efforts by monitoring programs.

Data sources of monitor networks were exported from the EPA's AirData website, featured to the right, AirNow-Tech and CASTNET.

Monitors shown are those active as of July 2015. You can view an interactive map [here](#).

**EPA's Public Engagement Highlights is a weekly e-newsletter produced by EPA's Office of Public Engagement which summarizes some of the latest important Agency actions.** It's where you can learn about various ways you can engage with EPA and find the Agency's latest blog posts, videos, and additional resources.

Signing up for the e-newsletter is easy! Just visit the [EPA Public Engagement Highlights](#) website where the most recent editions are available and enter your email in the e-newsletter sign up box located on the upper right. The resulting New Subscriber page will list all available EPA Topics, with "Public Engagement Highlights Newsletter" checked towards the bottom of the page. When setting up your profile, you can select additional subscription topics offered by EPA. You can always unsubscribe at any time.

## **Climate Change/Energy**

**ITEP's Tribal Climate Change Newsletter:** This monthly newsletter provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.

**Climate Signals is a science-based platform for cataloging and mapping the impacts of climate change.** Currently in open-beta release, the platform is designed to identify the chain of connections between greenhouse gas emissions and individual climate events.

Climate Signals consists of a curated relational database of events and their links to climate change, a mapping engine, and a gallery of climate change monitors offering real-time data. For each event in the

database, an infographic engine provides a custom “tree” that illustrates the connections to climate change. The system of attribution used to link events to climate change is explained [here](#). In addition, links to key resources are aggregated and curated for each event. This open-beta release is offered for public user testing and engagement.

### **Alaska Voices on Climate (U.S. EPA)**

The EPA is seeking videos on the impact of climate on Alaska today and the work that is being done to ensure a healthy environment for future generations. Submission of videos should address how climate change has affected your community, what your community is doing to adapt, and what lessons you can share to help other communities to become more resilient. To learn more, [please click here](#).

**From Icefield to Ocean (USGS)**: This poster by Shad O’Neel (USGS Alaska Science Center), Kristin Timm (University of Alaska Fairbanks), and Eran Hood (University of Alaska Southeast) received the 2015 Eugene M. Shoemaker Communication Award, which depicts the important linkages between glaciers and the ocean. The team felt that it was particularly important to find a compelling way to communicate these research findings to Alaskans because Alaska’s coastal glaciers are among the most rapidly changing areas on the planet and glacier runoff can influence marine habitats, ocean currents and economic activities.

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

**EPA hosted a webinar on May 11, 2016, *Knowledge in the Air: The Impact of Green Buildings on Cognitive Function***. More than 800 people attended this webinar, demonstrating just how attractive the topic of green buildings remains. The Harvard University team, led by Dr. Joseph Allen, presented new and important information on their indoor air quality (IAQ) research findings. They discussed the positive impact a green building can have on the cognitive functioning and decision-making performance of occupants.

A presentation video, slides and answers to questions posed during the live webinar session can be accessed [here](#).

Good IAQ in homes, schools and buildings is essential for our health, productivity and well-being. Research based in sound science, like the research conducted by Dr. Allen and his team, provides impetus to the movement to understand and enhance IAQ practices that improve the health of building occupants. To learn more, visit [www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq](http://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq).

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA***

**The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) announces the FY2017 ANTHC Air Quality Sub-Award Request for Proposals (RFP).** Please submit your completed Sub-Award applications to either AJ Salkoski ([ajsalkoski@anthc.org](mailto:ajsalkoski@anthc.org)) or Lacey Walsh ([lmwalsh@anthc.org](mailto:lmwalsh@anthc.org)). Applications can also be submitted via fax at (907) 729-4044 c/o AJ Salkoski.

These grants are competitive and unfortunately not everyone who applies will be awarded. If you have any questions about grant ideas, eligibility, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Lacey Walsh at (907) 729-5609 or AJ Salkoski at (907) 729-4518. For more information, visit the [ANTHC Tribal Air Quality Program](#).

### **U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:**

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to [air quality](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), [indoor air](#) and other related topics.



Organizations that can apply (eligible entities) are typically based on the funding announcements' [authorizing statute](#) and [catalog of federal domestic assistance \(CFDA\)](#). **[This page](#)** provides access to information about current funding opportunities under 'Open Announcements' and also provides as a reference tool, all previously announced funding announcements listed below and in archives under 'Closed Announcements'.

**More than \$889 million in funding and technical assistance is available for state, local, and tribal governments** from the Department of Transportation (DOT), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Transportation Authority (FTA), Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including economic development, sustainable communities, green infrastructure, and water efficiency. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below. **In addition, please visit the [calendar of 2016 EPA grant opportunities](#) that may be of particular interest to Tribal communities.**

## ***Climate Change/Energy***

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy has posted a Notice of Intent to issue a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) entitled “**First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands – 2016**” in August or September. Part of a comprehensive strategy for maximizing the development and deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives, the planned FOA will complement the [technical assistance](#) the Office of Indian Energy offers by providing funding to help tribal communities develop and sustain strategic energy solutions.

Download the [Notice of Intent](#).

**U.S. EPA's State and Local Climate and Energy Newsletter includes a calendar of 2016 EPA grant opportunities that may be of particular interest to Tribal communities.**

### **New Energy Efficiency Competition to Assist Remote Alaskan Communities with Energy Challenges**

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Indian Energy and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) issued a Notice of Technical Assistance (NOTA) to significantly accelerate efforts by remote Alaskan communities to adopt sustainable energy strategies. The Remote Alaskan Communities Energy Efficiency Competition will empower Alaskan communities and Alaska Native villages to develop effective tools to advance the use of reliable, affordable, and energy efficient solutions that are replicable throughout Alaska and other Arctic regions. [Learn more about the competition and how to apply.](#)

**USDA: The FY 2016 Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Agriculture and Natural Resources Science for Climate Variability and Change Challenge Area Request for Application (RFA) is now available for public viewing.** Please review the links below and verify the information is accurate. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

NIFA Funding Opportunity Page: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-agriculture-and-natural-resources>.

[Grants.gov Page: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=285990](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=285990). This page includes a synopsis of the funding opportunity, a link to the full announcement (RFA) and the application package.

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